# Window Covering Safety

## Fort Wainwright

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# Venetian Blind Safety

- **Children and window cords don't mix. When window cords are accessible to small children, these seemingly harmless products may become strangulation hazards**

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- **Venetian blinds installed in FWA housing meet current safety standards.**
- **However, this does not mean they are safe in all situations.**
- **Precautions are still necessary especially if you have toddlers in the home.**

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- **Blind cords should have two separate legs and not be connected or tied at the bottom to form a loop.**

- **Some blinds have break away connectors at the end of the These are acceptable if the connector separates with minimal effort.**

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- **Even cords with two legs can become tangled with use and create a choking hazard.**

# Be Cord Smart!

- **The Window Covering Safety Council urges parents and caregivers to check all windowed areas of the home for potential window cord hazards by following these important cord safety rules:**

- **Move cribs, beds and other furniture away from windows, preferably to another wall without a window.**

# Be Cord Smart!

- **Keep all window treatment cords out of the reach of children. (Very Important)**

- **Make sure that tasseled pull cords are short, and that continuous loop cords are permanently anchored to the floor or wall.**

# Be Cord Smart!

- **Lock cords into position when lowering horizontal blinds and shades.**

**For further information see:**
**http://www.windowcoverings.org**

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